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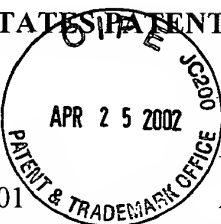
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NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES HOMOLOGOUS TO THYMOSIN, EPHRIN A RECEPTORS, AND FIBROMODULIN, AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 37, line 42 with the following:

LRR: domain 9 of 9, from 285 to 308: score 28.1, E = 0.00021

->nLeeLdLsnN.LtslppglfsnLp<- (SEQ ID NO: 73)

Le+LdLsnN+Lt+lp glf++L

SEQ ID NO: 68 285 ELERLDLSNNnLTTLPRLFDLDG 308

a' LRRCT: domain 1 of 1, from 318 to 369: score 48.0, E = 2.1e-10

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NP+ C C+L+Wl++W+++ ++ +++ + l+C++Pe++rG+ +++++ ++ *

SEQ ID NO: 68 318 NPWFCGCNLMWLRDWWKA-RAAVVNVR-GLMCQGPEKVRGMAIKDITSEVESVL 362

fn3: domain 1 of 1, from 425 to 503: score 13.8, E = 0.12

*->PsaPtntlvttdvtstsltlswspptgngpitgYevtyRqpkngge..

+ ++v+++t++s++++W++ p ++++++ ++ +

SEQ ID NO: 68 425 GAKTLAIHVKALTADSIRITWKAT---LPASSFRLSW-LRLGHSPav 467

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